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SUBJ: MILITARY EXPENDITURE REPORTING AND LIMITATIONS

REF: STATE 034065

1. USREP (WEILER) DISCUSSED ISSUE OF MILITARY EXPENDITURE REPORTING AND LIMITATIONS AT SSOD WITH SWEDISH CCD REP HAMILTON AND MEXICAN CCD REP GARCIA ROBLES ON FEB 14 AND 15 USING TALKING POINTS IN REFTEL PARA 6.

2. HAMILTON SAID THAT SWEDEN AGREED WITH US VIEW THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION IS THE APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO LAUNCH THE MILITARY EXPENDITURE PILOT STUDY. IN ORDER TO FURTHER THIS OBJECTIVE, SWEDEN INTENDS TO INTRODUCE INTO THE DRAFT PROGRAM OF ACTION CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED AT PREPCOM IV, A PROPOSAL THAT THE SYG (A) ORGANIZE THE PILOT TEST THIS YEAR; (B) APPOINT AN AD HOC PANEL OF BUDGETARY EXPERTS TO HELP STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE  
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STUDY; AND SUBMIT A PROGRESS REPORT TO THE 34TH UNGA. THESE PROPOSALS ARE ALREADY REFLECTED IN THE SWEDISH WORKING PAPER (A/AC. 187/95) SUBMITTED TO PREPCOM IV.

THE RELEVANT SECTION READ AS FOLLOWS:

QTE E. REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO ORGANIZE A PILOT

TEST OF A SYSTEM FOR THE REPORTING OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES BY STATES, DRAWING ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON A STANDARDIZED REPORTING INSTRUMENT BY THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS (A/32/194) WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF STATES REPRESENTING DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS AND, PREFERABLY, DIFFERENT MILITARY BUDGETING AND ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS;

2. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO APPOINT AN AD HOC PANEL OF BUDGETARY EXPERTS, UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO GIVE GUIDANCE TO STATES SUPPLYING THE REQUIRED DATA, TO ANALYSE THE RESULTS OF THE PILOT TEST, TO FURTHER REFINE THE SYSTEM AND TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LARGER-SCALE APPLICATION OF THE REPORTING INSTRUMENT;

3. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO SUBMIT A PROGRESS REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION. END QUOTE

3. SWEDISH AND MEXICAN REPS EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF INTRODUCING THIS KIND OF TEXT IN THE DRAFT PROGRAM OF ACTION AT THIS STAGE. GARCIA ROBLES OBSERVED THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION ITSELF WILL BE DEALING WITH SO MANY ISSUES AS WELL AS SEEKING TO DEVELOP CONSENSUS ON THE DRAFT DOCUMENT, THAT THE PILOT STUDY WILL BE GIVEN LITTLE ATTENTION UNLESS IT IS CLEARLY REFLECTED, EVEN IF IN BRACKETS, IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION DRAFT.

4. HAMILTON FURTHER NOTED THAT SOVIET/EE OPPOSITION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THE PILOT STUDY WAS UNCHANGED AND IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT SOVIETS WOULD BRACKET THE PILOT STUDY SECTION OF THE DRAFT PROGRAM. THE SWEDES HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOVIETS FINALLY WILL JOIN A CONSENSUS ON THE ENTIRE PROGRAM OF ACTION AT THE SSOD AND LIMIT THEMSELVES TO EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PILOT STUDY. IF THE STUDY CANNOT BE PUSHED THROUGH AT THE SPECIAL SESSION, THE SWEDES BELIEVE IT VERY DIFFICULT TO ENVISAGE DOING SO AT A LATER DATE.

5. AS REGARDS POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PILOT STUDY, HAMILTON SAID THAT SWEDEN HAS INDICATED IN ITS REPLY TO THE SYG THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO TAKE PART IN THE EXERCISE.

6. HAMILTON FURTHER NOTED THAT STOCKHOLM HAS DECIDED TO SEND AN EXPERT FROM THEIR FOREIGN MINISTRY (STRAND) TO THE FIFTH PREPCOM APRIL 10-21 TO DISCUSS THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE PILOT STUDY WITH THE SECRETARIAT AND OTHER INTERESTED DELS. HAMILTON SAID THEY HOPED WASHINGTON WOULD SEND SOMEONE UP TO PREPCOM V TO MEET WITH STRAND FOR A DAY OR TWO; IF THIS IS POSSIBLE, SWEDES WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT DAYS US EXPERT WOULD BE IN NEW YORK.

7. USDEL WILL CONSULT FURTHER WITH ALLIES DURING REMAINDER OF PREPCOM IV, AS REQUESTED REFTTEL.

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